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SEOUL FOR RSO; DEPT FOR A/SY/FO&OA; MANILA FOR RCO AND TSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INSTALLATION VAULT DOOR - CCC AREA, SEOUL

REF: STATE 191939, SEOUL 6030

1. UNTIL RECENT TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN TOKYO AND EPT (HONG KONG INFO), RSS AND OIC/RTC VISUALIZED, AFTER COMPLETION TO TOKYO PROJECT, UTILIZATION OF TOKYO CONSEC SEABEE TEAM TO INSTALL VAULT DOOR IN CCC AREA AT EMBASSY SEOUL. UNFORTUNATELY THE INABILITY TO PROGNOSTICATE THE COMPLETION OF THE TOKYO PROJECT WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE IMMINENT RETIREMENT AND END OF ENLISTMENT DATE OF TOKYO SEABEE MAKES THE INSTALLATION PLANS OF THE VAULT DOOR TOO TENUOUS ON WHICH TO FINALIZE DEFINITIVE PLANNING OF THE SEOUL JOB.

2. SINCE THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW MADE A FIRM DECISION TO INSIST ON THE INSTALLATION OF NEW VAULT DOOR, THE EMBASSY SEOUL SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ACCUMULATE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS AND TOOLS. THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE PURCHASED IMMEDIATELY:

(A) PRESUMABLY FROM A STATE SIDE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF SUFFICIENT EPOXY CEMENT TO MIX APPROXIMATELY 16 CUBIC FEET OF EPOXY CONCRETE. THIS SPECIAL MIX COMPOUND HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED AS A POSITIVE BONDING MATERIAL TO MODIFY THE EXISTING DOOR APERTURE.

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(B) FROM LOCAL PROCUREMENT, 30 FEET OF 1/2 INCH STEEL

REINFORCING RODS.

(C) ASCERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRIC ARC WELDING UNIT WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE EITHER ON A RENTAL OR LOAN BASIS FROM THE U.S. MILITARY UNIT WITHIN A WEEK'S NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENT.

(D) TWO 4X8 FOOT 3/4 INCH THICK PLYWOOD PANELS USED TO FABRICATE THE CONCRETE FORMS.

3. AS EPOXY CEMENT AND OTHER MATERIALS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON SITE, THE OIC/RTC HONG KONG WILL MAKE A DECISION ON THE INSTALLATION DATES OF THE NEW VAULT DOOR.

4. IF TOKYO TDY SEABEE TEAM ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE IN EA AREA, OIC/RTC WILL ARRANGE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PERMANENT ASSIGNED SEABEE IN TOKYO, THE RTC SEABEE IN HK AND A THIRD SEABEE FROM WITHIN THE EA AREA (EITHER MANIAL OR BANGKOK TO INSTALL VAULT DOOR.

5. CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF THE MATERIALS, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO INSTALL DOOR DURING FAVORABLE WEATHER IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS BUT IF SCHEDULING BECOMES DIFFICULT, PROJECT MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING/SUMMER 1977.

6. FOR THE RECORD: ACTION NOW WITH RSO SEOUL TO ARRANGE FOR THE ON-SITE AVAILABILITY OF EPOXY CEMENT AND OTHER MATERIALS. UPON NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY, OIC/RTC HONG KONG WILL ESTABLISH FIRM DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.  
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